

## Jerusalem Tour - 3 days



Jerusalem with a view of the Dome of the Rock

Friday – 05/11/2010 or 12/11/2010

### **Pickup from Tel-Aviv**

#### **Knesset**

Visit the Knesset - the Israeli Parliament – from the outside and see the bronze menorah, a gift from British supporters of the State of Israel.

#### **Shuk Machana Yehuda**

Tour the colourful, lively and bustling outdoor food market - crammed with fresh fruit, vegetables, nuts, oils, spices and just about everything else grown or picked from Israeli soil. Sample the excellent local food - delicious pastries, olives and nuts whilst wondering around and soaking up the atmosphere. Afterwards, we visit the nearby old neighbourhood where people from all over the world and the Diaspora have settled together, to create a beautiful mosaic of cultures.

*\*\*\* If time permits, we shall stop at several view points on the way from Tel-Aviv to Jerusalem*

Saturday – 06/11/2010 or 13/11/2010

### **The Israel Museum**

Visit the prestigious Israel Museum and walk through collections of centuries old Israeli artifacts including the Dead Sea Scrolls. A guided walk through an accurately detailed model of Biblical Jerusalem will help prepare you for what you will experience in the following days.

### **Mount of Olives**

Begin the day with a panoramic view of the old city from the Mount of Olives. The light is best in the morning and from this vantage point you will see some of the most spectacular

views over Jerusalem including the Dome of the Rock and The Temple Mount. Walk down the Mount of Olives to the beautiful Garden of Gethsemane.

### **Old City Tour - Christian and Muslim Quarters**

This unforgettable journey through time offers a lesson in Jewish history, and in the archeology and topography of Jerusalem. As you walk along 2,000 year old streets, some of which are now under the buildings of the Old City itself, you will feel the history of this spectacular city unfold around you and your first glimpse inside the ancient walled city will leave you speechless. This part of the tour will explore the Muslim and Christian sites and try to shed some light over the holy places themselves, as well as the current time disputes over Jerusalem in general. We will visit the Judgment Hall of Pilate and from here also the Pool of Bethesda, Stephen's Gate and St. Ann's Church. Whilst walking along the Via Dolorosa to the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, we will hear an interesting study on the differing opinions on the route that Christ was led and the actual place of his crucifixion.



Christian Quarter

### **Tower of David Museum**

The Museum of the History of Jerusalem beautifully explains the 3000-year story of the city in a concise format.

**[Sunday – 07/11/2010 or 14/11/2010](#)**

### **Mount Zion, the Jewish Quarter and the Western Wall**

In the morning we will visit Mount Zion with it's eclectic mix of histories, containing sites holy to Christianity, Islam and Judaism. Wonder through the spacious and open revitalised Jewish Quarter to the Western Wall, the most sacred Jewish place in the world and site of the 2nd Temple. We shall explore both the archaeological and historical side of this area, and also spiritual themes as we learn about Jewish life, rituals and pilgrimage.



\*\* if possible we will climb to the **Temple Mount**, walking next to the El-Aksah mosque and the Dome of the Rocks.

Jewish Quarter

## **Yad Vashem**

Visit the new Holocaust Museum and the Children's Memorial, Israel's most important memorial to the victims of the Holocaust. Although an extremely moving and deeply sorrowful experience this is a "must" visit not only from the Jewish perspective of the 6 million murdered Jews, but probably because it's the world's biggest trauma, and humanity's most horrible lesson in the known history. Yad Vashem is the leading institution in Holocaust education, commemoration, research and documentation in the world, containing the world's largest repository of information about the Holocaust.

## **Ein Kerem Hospital**

Visit the synagogue at the Hadassah Hospital to view Mark Chagall's famed stained glass windows. Each of the twelve windows presented to the hospital by the artist in 1982, is dominated by one main colour and depicts one of the twelve sons of Jacob and the tribes of Israel.



## **Return to Tel-Aviv**

### **Tour Details:**

- Price per person in double room - US\$400 (Single room supplement is US\$100)
- Includes:
  - Transportation to/from Tel-Aviv
  - 2 nights accommodation in Jerusalem on a half board basis
  - English-speaking tour guide.

**The program is subject to change and depends on a minimum number of participants**